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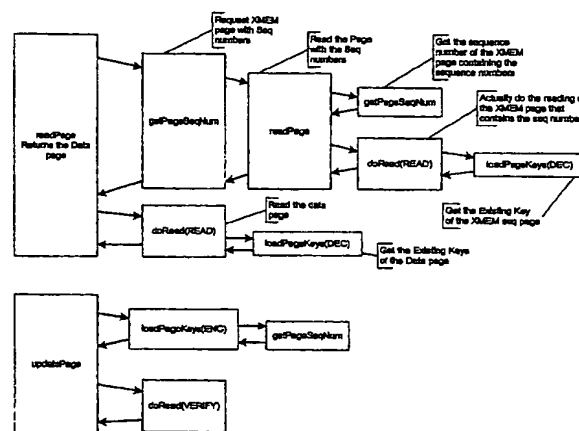
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(57) Abstract: A smartcard comprises a substrate having a smartcard chip formed on it as well as a secondary memory device, for example, a FLASH ROM, operatively connected to the smartcard chip. The secondary memory device is capable of storing a plurality of pages of data, each having associated with it a unique sequence number, the sequence number being stored separately from the data page so that when the page is to be read, the sequence number retrieved with the page can be compared with the stored sequence number to authenticate the page. To minimise the memory used on the smartcard to store the sequence numbers, some of the stored sequence numbers are stored in at least one data page stored on the secondary memory device, the sequence number for that at least one page being stored in the smartcard chip or the sequence numbers are XOR'd and the resultant digest is stored in the smartcard EEPROM. The sequence number associated with a particular page of data is incremented each time the page is modified or updated. The sequence number for each page of data is set initially at a randomly generated value, so that it is not possible to derive the sequence number from the total number of updates to the page. The smartcard of the invention thus permits the use of extended memory without compromising security.



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